

Remarks:

1. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

5 Please note that claims 11 and 28 have been amended to better claim the invention. Note that claim 28 is simultaneously being both amended and withdrawn at this time. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

2. ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

10 In the Office Action, the Examiner required an election of species, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between the four different species listed below:

Figures 1A - 3,

Figures 4 - 5,

15 Figure 6,

Figure 7.

20 In response to the requirement of election of species, Applicants elect the species corresponding to Figures 4 - 5, without traverse. If generic claims covering all species are not found allowable, Applicants intend to file claims directed to the remaining species in continuation or divisional applications.

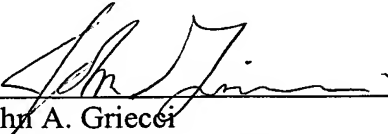
25 Per the election of species requirement listed in the Office Action, Applicants identify the following claims as readable on the elected species: 1 - 2, 8 - 17, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29 - 32. Please withdraw claims 3 - 7, 18 - 22, 28, and 33 - 34 until such time as a generic claim is found allowable. Please cancel claims 35 - 46.

In view of the foregoing, examination on the merits is requested at an early date.

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